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In re Application of:  
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*Method*

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**DECLARATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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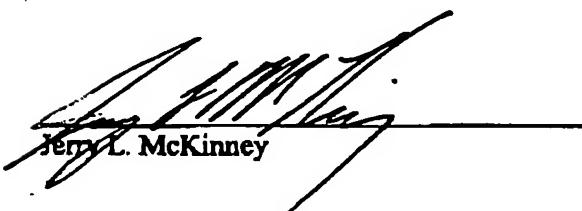
Sir:

1. My name is Jerry L. McKinney, the inventor of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/003,633 entitled **REGULATORY COMPLIANCE SYSTEM AND METHOD**.
2. I have worked with wastewater treatment equipment for well over twenty-five years.
3. During this time, I have been involved in the manufacture and servicing of wastewater treatment equipment.
4. I have personal knowledge that certain regulatory agencies, e.g., counties which oversee the maintenance of homeowner wastewater treatment systems believe that and/or are highly suspicious that a significant percentage of service providers of homeowner wastewater treatment systems regularly do not perform routine inspections for which they have been paid.
5. I have personal knowledge that in at least one state certain types of homeowner wastewater treatment systems have not been permitted, not because the homeowner wastewater treatment systems do not function properly if routine inspections are made, but because the

regulatory agency does not trust service providers to perform the routine inspections of such systems.

6. I have personal knowledge of significant financial difficulties that have been faced by service companies that wish to comply with regulations to perform routine inspections of homeowner wastewater systems because other competing companies do not feel obliged to perform routine inspections even though they have been paid to do so.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of any patent issued thereon.



Jerry L. McKinney

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